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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - MONDALE AND CARTER IN EUROPE

1. PORTUGUESE MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO ANNOUNCEMENT
IN LISBON AND WASHINGTON OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PLANS
TO VISIT LISBON MAY 14-17. COVERAGE STRAIGHTFORWARD
WITH NO COMMENTARIES AS YET. FRONT-PAGE REPORT IN
PRO-GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" MAY 4 WAS HEADLINED,
"MONDALE VISITS LISBON AT SOARES INVITATION." REPORT
SAID OBJECTIVE OF VISIT WAS TO "CONTINUE IMPORTANT
CONSULTATIONS BEGUN BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS" WHEN
SOARES WAS IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY. IT ALSO SAID "IT
IS RECALLED THAT THE U.S. HAS DECIDED 'TO COORDINATE'
WITH PORTUGAL ON VIEWPOINTS REGARDING AFRICA." PAPER
ALSO QUOTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MAY 3 STATEMENT ON
PORTUGUESE RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. MOST MAY 3 AFTERNOON
PAPERS HAD THE NEWS VIA REUTER AND FRANCE PRESSE REPORTS
FROM WASHINGTON. PRO-SOCIALIST "A LUTA" HAD FRONT-PAGE
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HEADLINE, "U.S. VICE PRESIDENT COMING TO LISBON ON THE
FIFTEENTH; PROBABLE ATTENTION TO BE GIVEN SOUTHERN
AFRICA." LEFTIST "DIARIO POPULAR" PUBLISHED FRONT-
PAGE PHOTO OF MONDALE AND HEADLINE, "WALTER MONDALE
(U.S. VICE PRESIDENT) COMING TO PORTUGAL." MAY 3
STATE RAIO NEWSCASTS INDICATED THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG
WOULD ACCOMPANY MONDALE TO LISBON.

2. CARTER: PORTUGUESE PRESS CONTINUED TO PUBLISH
REPORTS OF CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH EUROPEAN NEWSMEN.
"DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" MAY 4 HEADLINE ON LENGTHY REPORT
WAS "CARTER DEFENDS EXISTENCE OF STRONG AND UNITED EUROPE."
"A LUTA" OF MAY 3 HAD HEADLINE, "CARTER
APPEALS FOR STRENGTHENING OF NATO AND EUROPEAN COOPERATIONS."
"DIARIO POPULAR" TITLED ITS ARTICLE "PRESIDENT JIMMY
CARTER STATES: A STRONG EUROPE IS INDISPENSABLE TO
U.S. FUTURE."

3. SPAIN AND NATO: "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" MAY 4 FRONT-
PAGE ARTICLE SAID THAT "SPANISH PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ
"OBTAINED A GUARANTEE THAT THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT THE
ENTRY OF HIS COUNTRY INNATO AS SOON AS THE MADRID
GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO PRESENT A REQUEST... IT IS PROBABLE
THAT THIS ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED MAY 10 IN LONDON..."
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